



September 1, 2017

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Ms. Marlene H. Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

Re: NOTICE OF EX PARTE
PS Docket No. 15-91: *Improving Wireless Emergency Alerts and Community-Initiated Alerting*

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On September 1, 2017, Courtney Neville and I of Competitive Carriers Association (“CCA”)¹, spoke via teleconference with Nicole McGinnis of the Federal Communications Commission’s (“FCC” or “Commission”) Public Safety and Homeland Security Bureau (“Bureau”), and David Horowitz of the Office of General Counsel, to discuss the above-referenced proceeding.² CCA reiterated its request that the Bureau grant CCA’s August 31, 2017 Petition for Waiver³ to allow competitive carriers 30 days to provide consumers with notice of their election to withdraw from the voluntary Wireless Emergency Alerts program,⁴ if applicable, pursuant to Section 10.220 of the FCC’s rules.⁵

¹ CCA is the nation’s leading association for competitive wireless providers and stakeholders across the nation. CCA’s membership includes nearly 100 competitive wireless providers ranging from small, rural carriers serving fewer than 5,000 customers to regional and national providers serving millions of customers. CCA also represents associate members including vendors and suppliers that provide products and services throughout the mobile communications supply chain.

² *Improving Wireless Emergency Alerts and Community-Initiated Alerting*, Report and Order and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, PS Docket No. 15-91, et al., FCC 16-127 (rel. Sept. 29, 2016).

³ *See also*, Petition of Competitive Carriers Association for Waiver, PS Docket No. 15-91 (filed Aug. 31, 2017) (“August 31 CCA Petition”).

⁴ *See, e.g.*, August 31 CCA Petition. *See also*, Petition of Competitive Carriers Association for Waiver, or in the Alternative, Extension of Time, PS Docket No. 15-91 (filed Aug. 16, 2017) (“CCA WEA Petition”). Providing carriers 30 days to determine whether to opt-out of the WEA program also will allow the FCC adequate time to thoughtfully review CCA’s August 16, 2017 Petition for Waiver of the compliance deadlines associated with enhanced embedded references requirements and geo-targeting capabilities.

⁵ 47 CFR § 10.220.

This *ex parte* notification is being filed electronically with your office pursuant to Section 1.1206 of the Commission's rules. Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions or concerns.

Respectfully submitted,

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